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PARIS, MELBOURNE, USUN, INFO SECSTATE FROM HICOMTERPACIS
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SUBJECT : INVITATIONS TO NORTHERN MARIANAS INAUGURAL CEREMONY

1. PURSUANT TO COVENANT ESTABLISHING A COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH U.S., AND TO A PROCLAMATION
BY PRESIDENT CARTER, FIRST ELECTED GOVERNMENT OF COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS WILL BE INAUGURATED JANUARY 9, 1978. MOST
SECTIONS OF COVENANT WILL GO INTO EFFECT SIMULTANEOUSLY, ALTHOUGH
EXTENSION OF U.S. SOVEREIGNTY AND CITIZENSHIP TO NORTHERN MARIANAS
WILL NOT OCCUR UNTIL TERMINATION OF TRUSTEESHIP PLANNED FOR 1981.

2. THE PLANNED CEREMONY, MARKING EFFECTIVE INCORPORATION OF A NEW
UNIT INTO THE AMERICAN POLITICAL FAMILY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
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FREELY-EXPRESSED WISHES OF INHABITANTS OF NORTHERN MARIANAS, IS OF
GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO THEM AND TO U.S. PEOPLE OF NORTHERN
MARIANAS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HIGH-LEVEL USG REPRESENTATION AT
CEREMONY AS WELL AS PRESENCE OF FOREIGN GUESTS REPRESENTING PACIFIC
AND OTHER NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

3. NMI ACCORDINGLY DESIRES TO EXTEND INVITATIONS TO HEADS OF STATE
AND WIVES (OR NEAREST EQUIVALENT IN CASE OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING

TERRITORIES) OR REPRESENTATIVES THEREOF TO ATTEND INAUGURAL CEREMONIES. SIMILAR INVITATIONS ARE ALSO BEING EXTENDED TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS AND OFFICIALS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. CONSULAR CORPS IN GUAM AND SAIPAN (REPRESENTING PHILIPPINES, JAPAN, ROC, ROK AND NAURU) AND AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER NAURU ARE ALSO BEING INVITED.

4. IT IS REGRETTED THAT NMI IS UNABLE TO FUND TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES OF GUESTS INVITED TO CEREMONY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) SECSTATE PLEASE CONFIRM TO ALL ADDRESSES THAT DEPT CONCURS IN INVITATION TO CHIEFS OF STATE OR REPRESENTATIVES THEREOF. (B) OTHER ADDRESSEES: UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION, PLEASE CONVEY INVITATIONS TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AS FOLLOWS:

CANBERRA - AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE - NAURU

WELLINGTON - NEW ZEALAND, COOK ISLANDS, NIUE, WESTERN SAMOA

JAKARTA, SEOUL, TAIPEI, MANILA, PORT MORESBY - COUNTRIES TO WHICH ACCREDITED

SUVA - FIJI, TONGA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN GILBERTS, FRENCH POLYNESIA, NEW CALEDONIA, NEW HEBRIDES, TUVALU, WALLIS AND FUTUNA; ALSO SECRETARIES GENERAL, SPC AND SPEC, AND RESREP AP REES, UNDP

LONDON - HMG FOR GILBERTS, NEW HEBRIDES, TUVALU

PARIS - GOF FOR FRENCH POLYNESIA, NEW CALEDONIA, NEW HEBRIDES, WALLIS AND FUTUNA

BANGKOK - ESCAP EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARAMIS

USUN - PRESIDENT OF TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

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TOKYO - JAPAN; ALSO PRESIDENT OF JAPAN-MICRONESIA ASSOCIATION

6. FOR LONDON, PARIS, CANBERRA - NMI ALSO WISHES EXTEND INVITATIONS TO MEMBERS OF 1975 TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL MISSION WHICH OBSERVED PLEBISCITE ON COVENANT (AMBASSADOR JAMES MURRAY, UK; AMB BERTRAND DE LATAILLADE, FRANCE; MR. JOHN MELHUISE, AUSTRALIA). WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASCERTAINING PRESENT POSTS OF ALL THREE, AND EXTENDING INVITATIONS EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH GOVERNMENTS.

7. FOR USUN: NMI EXTENDS CORDIAL PERSONAL INVITATIONS TO CEREMONY TO AMB AND MRS. YOUNG AND TO AMB AND MRS. MCHENRY.

8. FOR ALL ADDRESSEES: TO FACILITATE PLANNING WITH RESPECT TO NUMBER OF GUESTS EXPECTED, PLEASE CABLE RESPONSES TO THIS OFFICE. BENNETT UNQUOTE VANCE

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